

HOUSE No. 2652

By Mr. Kafka of Sharon, petition of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to an investigation and study by the Department of Public Health of the public accessibility of defibrillators. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Louis L. Kafka Brian A. Joyce
William C. Galvin

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY OF DEFIBRILLATORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to
2 the contrary, the Commissioner of the Department of Public
3 Health shall create a commission to study defibrillators and their
4 accessibility and availability to the general public in venues of
5 greatest convenience and efficiency, including, but not limited to:
6 state police cruisers, fire apparatus, and other public safety vehi-
7 cles, MBTA commuter trains, subway cars, and buses, steam ships
8 and other cruise ships, health clubs, and all state office buildings.

9 1. The commission shall consider the cost of purchasing,
10 installing, and maintaining said defibrillators, public health risks,
11 as well as benefits, and other issues which may arrive during
12 deliberation.

13 2. The commission may meet at a time and place, as determined
14 by the Commissioner. The commission shall issue a final report to
15 the Governor and Legislature no later than six months following
16 its final meeting and dissolution.